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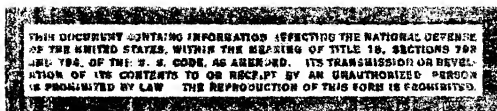
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1. The channelling of orders in respect of vehicles and allied tools and spare parts will be as follows during 1954:

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- (a) The Verwaltung for KFZ-Wesen will plan the outfitting of all Motorized Units including KVP See and Aero Klubs with vehicles, tools, machines, complete parts such as engines, rear axles and including imported chassis or other spare parts from the Soviet Union, with the exception of tanks and motorcycles which will be the responsibility of the Verwaltung Motorisierung. The plans will then be passed to the Coordination Section under Lt. Col. Wenzel, and thence to the Head of the KVP for deletions or alterations. The plans will then be forwarded to the Verwaltung Planung und Beschaffung under Koppatsch, and there they will be checked by the Specialist Section to see if they can be achieved before being laid before the Minister - agreement for the plans must be reached with the State Planning Commission, with Rau or Leuschner before being laid before the responsible Minister. After approval, the responsibility is taken over by the Verwaltung Planung und Beschaffung for the placing of contracts.
- (b) The completed goods will be delivered to a central dump (ZEL: Zentrales Ersatzteil Lager). This dump is at present located in Lichtenberg, but will be transferred to Finow before the end of the year. The formations will receive their vehicles direct from there.
- (c) During a recent meeting of the KFZ Verwaltung to discuss the program for 1954, the advice of the Russian Adviser was sought very frequently.
- (d) Motorized units will receive a fixed sum per month for minor repairs to vehicles, but major repairs and overhauls will be controlled from a central office. The sum fixed for the repair to trucks is approximately 130 DM(W) per month, and for cars is 65 DM(W) per month.

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2. INSPECTION OF KVP VEHICLES

An inspection commission which recently visited units to inspect vehicles as is done at the end of each training year, returned with the unanimous verdict that the condition and serviceability of vehicles was "shocking". The reasons for this bad state were given mainly as poor driving and poor training, a lack of drivers, spare parts and repair facilities. It is hoped that the lack of drivers will be overcome by shortening the driving time and the training improved by the issue of pamphlets. The poor supply of spare parts is to be overcome by using the Verwaltung Planung und Beschaffung to procure the necessary parts centrally. This latter point has been discussed often in conference with Lieutenant General Hoffmann.

3. CROSS COUNTRY CAR "P.2.M."

(a) A conference with Lieutenant General Hoffmann in respect to the production of the cross country car "P.2.M." has not taken place as yet, however, according to Major General Menzel (recently promoted to this rank) a preliminary conference will be held with him before the subject is placed before Hoffmann.

(b) It is said that Ulbricht has spoken with the Minister for Transport and Landmaschinenbau in respect to these "P.2.M."s and accused the Minister of showing insufficient initiative in development of the medium car. The Verwaltung for KFZ-Wesen was asked to deliver a supplementary budget for the delivery of 250 "PKW" "P.2.M."s during 1954.

4. CHANGES WITHIN THE M.D.I.

Colonel Adam, formerly with the Verwaltung Lehranstalten, has been transferred to take over the Senior Officers' School in Dresden. Whether he is to take complete control of the school or to assist Major General Freitag, the present head, is not known; however, nothing has been heard of the resignation or the posting of Freitag as yet. It is also rumored however, that Adam has gone to assist Paulus who is still working for the VOPO unofficially. These rumors have not been confirmed in any way but it is true that Adam was for a long period a close colleague of Paulus.

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